

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4370  
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, JO, KN

SUBJECT: FIRST PERMANENT SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMAT ARRIVES IN JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 2386

1. RECENTLY ARRIVED REPUBLIC OF KOREA CHARGE SOONG  
MADE INTRODUCTORY CALL ON CHARGE APRIL 12.

2. SOONG SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TELEX APRIL 12 FROM  
ROK FONMIN INFORMING HIM OF EMBASSY AMMAN TELEGRAM  
(REFTEL) REPORT OF APRIL 10 AMMAN NEWSPAPER STORY TAHT  
NORTH KOREANS ARE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHING RESIDENT  
MISSION IN AMMAN. SOONG IMMEDIATELY APPROACHED FONMIN  
UNDERSECRETARY IBRAHIM APRIL 12 WHO CONFIRMED STORY'S  
AUTHENTICITY. SOONG SAID HE TRIED TO PERSUADE  
IBRAHIM TO DELAY ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN MISSION  
BUT IBRAHIM SAID THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE GOJ  
HAD ALREADY AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS AND WOULD NOT PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
RESIDENT MISSION. IBRAHIM ALSO INDICATED THAT ROK  
WAS "TOO LATE" IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN RESIDENT  
MISSION TO PREVENT SIMILAR MOVE BY NORTH KOREANS.  
SOONG DOES NOT KNOW WHEN RESIDENT NORTH KOREA REPRESENTATION  
WILL START BUT THINKS IT WILL BE SOON.

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3. SOONG INDICATED HE HAD ARRIVED IN AMMAN APRIL 8  
AND MADE INTRODUCTORY CALL ON JORDANIAN MINISTER OF  
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APRIL 10 BUT THAT LATTER  
MADE NO MENTION OF GOJ DEALINGS WITH NORTH KOREA.

4. SOONG APPEARED RESIGNED TO IMPLACEMENT OF COMPETITIVE  
NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN JORDAN BUT IS WORKING HARD TO  
SET UP AN EFFECTIVE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY (AT CHARGE  
LEVEL) HERE BEFORE NORTH KOREANS DO SO.

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